Incentives to Private Companies in Developing oil fields

783. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to announce a major package of incentives for private companies involved in developing oilfields;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) what is the amount of foreign investment expected to be attracted after announcing the incentives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) A number of incentives have already been offered to private companies participating in the development of oil fields. These include a concessional rate of corporate tax of 50 per cent. payment of international price for the companies' share of oil, pricing of gas produced on internationally accepted principles and exemption from customs duty.

(c) The amount of foreign investment expected to be invested for development of these fields would be of the order of US $ 1.5 billion.

Increase in Crude Oil Prices by osl and ONGC

784. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI GOVINDRAO RAMRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil India Limited and the Oil and Natural Gas Commission have requested the Government's reaction thereto?

(b) if so, what are the reason therefor and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The prices of crude oil have been increased from Rs. 1021/MT to Rs. 1506/MT effect from 16.9.91 on the representation made by ONGC and OIL.

Joint ventrue of Gail and British Gas

785. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI GOVINLRAO RAMRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gas Authority of India Ltd. and the British Gas have set up a new company to bring natural gas to Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the details of the joint venture;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra will be given an option to acquire any stake in the company; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM ASD NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The proposal to supply natural gas to Bombay through a pipeline envisages the setting up of a joint venture company by GAIL and British Gas. The Government of Maharashtra have an option to contribute upto 10 per cent. of the equity capital of the joint venture. The joint venture company is yet to be formed.

रेल दुर्घटनायें

786. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले छः महीनों के दौरान देश में कितनी रेल दुर्घटनायें हुईं; इनमें कितने व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हुई और कितने व्यक्ति जख्मी हुए;

(ख) रेलवे द्वारा दुर्घटनाओं में मारे गए व्यक्तियों के निकट संबंधियों और घायलों को किस रूप में तथा कितना मुआवजा दिया गया ; और

(ग) दुर्घटनाओं के कारण क्या हैं और इस संबंध में उक्त जांच समिति द्वारा की गई सिफारिशें क्या हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. सी. लेंका) : (क) चालू वित्त वर्ष के अन्तिम छः महीनों (अप्रैल से सितंबर, 1993) के दौरान भारतीय रेलों पर 283 गाड़ी दुर्घटनायें हुईं जिनमें 246 व्यक्तियों की जानें गईं और 498 व्यक्ति घायल हुए।

(ख) रेल गाड़ी दुर्घटनाओं के कारण मृतक के निकट संबंधियों या घायल व्यक्तियों को मृत्यु के मामलों में 2 लाख रु० की राशि और चोट के मामले में निकट व्यक्तियों को 16,000 रुपए से लेकर 1.8 लाख रुपए तक की क्षतिपूर्ति का भुगतान करती हैं।

(ग) ये दुर्घटनायें मुख्यतः मानवीय भूलों, रेल कर्मचारियों से भिन्न व्यक्तियों की गलती, तोड़फोड़ और आनुषंगिक कारणों की वजह से हुई थीं, प्रत्येक दुर्घटना की जांच रेल संरक्षा आयुक्तों अथवा विभागीय/अन्तर्विभागीय समितियों द्वारा की जाती है और उनकी रिपोर्टों के आधार पर समुचित कार्रवाई की जाती है।

Foreign trust funds funding for Konkan Railway Project

787. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain foreign trust funds have shown interest in part funding the Konkan Railway project;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the conditionalities for part funding the Konkan Railway project;

(c) the decision, if any taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Number of Bridges under Eastern Railways in Bihar

788. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bridges which are under the Eastern Railways in the State of Bihar with district-wise details;

(b) the number of such bridges which are in need of replacement or repairs district-wise and what action is being taken by the Railways in this regard; and

(c) the amount of expenditure that was incurred by the Railways towards repairing bridges in Bihar during the last three years with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 3548. District-wise details are not maintained.

(b) 88 Nos. Repairs of 27 Nos. are in hand and targetted for completion in 93-94. District-wise details are not maintained.

(c) Accountal of expenditure is not maintained State-wise.

Lack of basic amenities at Railway Stations in Western Railway

789. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: